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- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency filed an anticipated lawsuit against Miami-Dade County, demanding repairs to their deteriorating sewer system and seeking damages of \$32,500 for each day the county violated the Clean Water Act prior to January 12, 2009, and \$37,500 for each day thereafter. – *Miami Herald* (See item [14](#))
- Birmingham Police said a man opened fire in St. Vincent's Hospital December 15, wounding an officer and two employees before he was fatally shot by police. – *Associated Press* (See item [17](#))
- Medicare may have overpaid an estimated \$424 million to PacifiCare of California's Medicare Advantage plan based on risk assessments that made patients seem sicker than they actually were, according to a new report by the U.S. Health and Human Services inspector general. – *California Watch* (See item [18](#))
- A jury ruled that the Los Angeles Police Department must pay an unprecedented \$24 million to a boy who was shot by an officer and paralyzed as he played with a replica gun that fires plastic pellets. – *Associated Press* (See item [22](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *December 15, Gloucester Daily Times* – (Massachusetts) **About 100 evacuated in Mass. gas leak.** Approximately 100 people were evacuated from surrounding businesses and homes in Essex, Massachusetts, when a forklift operator struck a natural gas line.
Source: <http://www.firehouse.com/news/10843057/about-100-evacuated-in-mass-gas-leak>

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials and Waste Sector

2. *December 14, New Orleans Times-Picayune* – (Louisiana) **Baton Rouge area nuclear plant to be inspected after leak.** An emergency backup diesel generator was immediately shut down at Entergy's River Bend nuclear plant, located north of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, after a leak in the generator's cooling pipe was discovered during a routine test December 2.
Source:
http://www.nola.com/environment/index.ssf/2012/12/baton_rouge_area_nuclear_plant.html

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

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Banking and Finance Sector

3. *December 17, Softpedia* – (International) **Swedish payment processor sentenced to 4 years for role in scareware scheme.** A Swedish man was sentenced by a U.S. court for serving as a payment processor for an international scareware scheme that earned crooks a total of \$71 million.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Swedish-Payment-Processor-Sentenced-to-4-Years-for-Role-in-Scareware-Scheme-315429.shtml>
4. *December 16, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Police seek “Clearinghouse Bandit”.** Police renewed their plea for the public’s help in finding the “Clearinghouse Bandit,” suspected in at least 13 bank robberies in Denver and Aurora. Police said he has an accomplice who was spotted at several robberies.
Source: <http://www.koaa.com/news/police-seek-clearinghouse-bandit/>
5. *December 14, Boston Herald* – (Massachusetts) **SEC charges BioChemics officials with securities fraud.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission charged BioChemics, its CEO, and two others with violating federal securities laws in a fraudulent scheme that raised at least \$9 million from 70 investors in 19 States from at least 2009 until 2012.
Source:
http://bostonherald.com/business/business_markets/2012/12/sec_charges_biochemics_officials_securities_fraud
6. *December 14, Atlanta Journal-Constitution* – (Georgia) **Feds sue insiders at failed Sandy Springs bank.** The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation filed a lawsuit accusing seven former officers and directors of the RockBridge Commercial Bank of negligence and gross negligence in their management of the failed institution.
Source: <http://www.ajc.com/news/business/feds-sue-insiders-at-failed-sandy-springs-bank/nTXCP/>
7. *December 14, WBBM 2 Chicago* – (Illinois) **‘Bully Bandit’ wanted in several bank robberies.** The “Bully Bandit,” a bank robber known for his aggressive behavior, is wanted for up to four heists around Chicago over a 2-week period.

Source: <http://chicago.cbslocal.com/2012/12/14/bully-bandit-wanted-in-several-bank-robberies/>

8. *December 14, Los Angeles Times* – (California) **Aletheia hedge fund manager defrauded investors, SEC says.** The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission accused the chief executive of Aletheia Research and Management Inc. of defrauding investors by saddling them with losing securities trades while claiming winners for himself, causing clients \$4.4 million in losses.

Source: <http://articles.latimes.com/2012/dec/14/business/la-fi-aletheia-sec-20121215>

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Transportation Sector

9. *December 17, Birmingham News* – (Alabama) **Overtaken tanker cleanup snarls traffic along Interstate 59 southbound near Ashville.** Both lanes of Interstate 59 southbound near Ashville, Alabama, remained closed for several hours as crews removed an overturned tanker that was carrying liquefied natural gas. The event shut down about a 10-mile section of the interstate.
Source: http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2012/12/overtaken_tanker_cleanup_snar.html
10. *December 17, Associated Press* – (California) **Big-rig wreck ties up south I-5 truck lanes in LA.** Southbound Interstate 5 truck lanes in northern Los Angeles were blocked for hours by a jackknifed big-rig. A California Highway Patrol Officer said diesel fuel spilled onto the roadway.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/news/ci_22208672/big-rig-wreck-ties-up-south-i-5
11. *December 16, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **4-alarm fire halts rail service.** Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority and Amtrak service was suspended for approximately 3 hours in both directions after a four-alarm fire broke out in a Frankford building.
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/local/4-Alarm-Fire-Halts-SEPTA-Service-183696711.html>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

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Agriculture and Food Sector

12. *December 15, Food Poison Journal* – (Rhode Island) **Listeria and Botulism risk with Farmstead Food.** The Rhode Island Department of Health advised consumers that they should not eat certain products produced by Farmstead Inc. Among the recalled products are jarred vegetables and meat products.
Source: <http://www.foodpoisonjournal.com/food-recall/listeria-and-botulism-risk-with-farmstead-food/#.UM8qteTAex8>
13. *December 15, Food Safety News* – (National, International) **Smoked Salmon recalled for Listeria potential.** Ocean Beauty Seafoods LLC issued a voluntary recall of its Nathan's Brand Cold Smoked Alaskan Salmon and LASCCO Cold Smoked Nova Atlantic Salmon December 14 after internal testing revealed Listeria in a sample.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2012/12/smoked-salmon-recalled-for-listeria-potential/#.UM8q9-TAex8>

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Water Sector

14. *December 17, Miami Herald* – (Florida) **EPA files expected lawsuit against Miami-Dade.** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency filed an anticipated lawsuit against Miami-Dade County, and stated the county was not abiding by the federal Clean Water Act. The complaint demands repairs to the deteriorating sewer system and seeks damages of \$32,500 for each day the county violated the Clean Water Act prior to January 12, 2009, and \$37,500 for each day thereafter.
Source: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/opinion/2012/dec/17/memeto2-epa-files-expected-lawsuit-against-miami-d-ar-583908/>
15. *December 16, Defense Video and Imagery Distribution System* – (Missouri) **Corps releasing additional water from Carlyle Lake to aid Mississippi River traffic.** The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, began to release water from Carlyle Lake December 15 and would increase the flow to 4,000 cubic feet per second by December 17 to support safe navigation on the Mississippi River. Water from the lake will help provide the depth necessary for river commerce to pass Thebes, Illinois.
Source: <http://www.dvidshub.net/news/99375/corps-releasing-additional-water-carlyle-lake-aid-mississippi-river-traffic#.UM8cxK7kGok>
16. *December 16, Hawaii News Now* – (Hawaii) **Leeward residents asked to conserve water after main break.** The Honolulu Board of Water Supply asked all Leeward coast residents to use water sparingly as they work to repair a 24-inch water main break that occurred December 15. All lanes of Hakimo Road between Waiolu Place and Farrington Highway were closed as crews worked to repair the main.
Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/20357311/leeward-residents-asked-to-conserve-water-after-main-break>

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Public Health and Healthcare Sector

17. *December 17, Associated Press* – (Alabama) **Alabama hospital shooting: St. Vincent’s gunman wounds 3 before being killed by police.** Birmingham Police said a man opened fire in St. Vincent’s Hospital December 15, wounding an officer and two employees before he was fatally shot by police.
Source: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/12/15/alabama-hospital-shooting-wounded-gunman-killed_n_2307505.html
18. *December 17, California Watch* – (California) **Report estimates health plan overbilled Medicare \$424M.** Medicare may have overpaid an estimated \$424 million to PacifiCare of California’s Medicare Advantage plan based on risk assessments that, in many cases, made patients seem sicker than they were, according to a new report by the U.S. Health and Human Services inspector general. The report by the inspector general said PacifiCare was paid extra for treating patients with cancer or a dangerous bloodstream infection even though medical records did not describe those ailments.
Source: <http://californiawatch.org/dailyreport/report-estimates-health-plan-overbilled-medicare-424m-18752>
19. *December 14, Yahoo News* – (Colorado) **Colorado medical provider convicted of Medicaid theft.** The Medicaid Fraud Control Unit of the Colorado Office of the Attorney General initiated an investigation on an occupational therapist following a citizen complaint alleging that she had improperly billed the Colorado Medicaid program.
Source: <http://news.yahoo.com/colorado-medical-provider-convicted-medicaid-theft-015900837.html>

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Government Facilities Sector

20. *December 15, San Jose Mercury News* – (California) **Monta Vista High School student arrested in connection with bomb threat against teacher.** A student from California’s Monta Vista High School was arrested and admitted to authorities that he threatened a bomb attack on a teacher at the school, which had prompted its closure and that of a nearby elementary school.
Source: http://www.mercurynews.com/breaking-news/ci_22202147/monta-vista-high-school-student-arrested-connection-bomb
21. *December 14, Associated Press* – (New Mexico) **State audit of New Mexico Finance Authority finds no missing funds.** An ex-controller who faked an audit of the State’s lending arm did not take any money and was acting alone, the State auditor said. However, the report concluded the ex-controller was able to carry out the deception because the New Mexico Finance Authority board and managers “were asleep at the wheel.”

Source:

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/eb9fbaf864324561abb2279dfd4d1ded/NM--Fake-Audit>

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Emergency Services Sector

22. *December 14, Associated Press* – (California) **LAPD must pay \$24M for shooting of boy, 13.** A jury ruled that the Los Angeles Police Department must pay an unprecedented \$24 million to a boy who was shot by an officer and paralyzed as he played with a replica gun that fires plastic pellets.

Source: http://www.montereyherald.com/state/ci_22196690/jury-lapd-must-pay-24m-shooting-boy-13

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Information Technology Sector

23. *December 17, The H* – (International) **Exynos 4 critical security hole affects many Galaxy devices.** Details of a security hole that allows attackers to take complete control of a Samsung Exynos-4-based device by distributing a malicious application were released by a member of the xda-developers forum. Devices that use Exynos 4210 and 4412 chips are affected.

Source: <http://www.h-online.com/security/news/item/Exynos-4-critical-security-hole-affects-many-Galaxy-devices-1770075.html>

24. *December 14, IDG News Service* – (International) **SMS stealing apps uploaded to Google Play by Carberp banking malware gang.** Several malicious Android apps designed to steal mobile transaction authentication numbers (mTANs) sent by banks to their customers over SMS (Short Message Service) were found on Google Play by researchers.

Source: <http://www.networkworld.com/news/2012/121412-sms-stealing-apps-uploaded-to-265130.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <https://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

25. *December 14, Dallas Morning News* – (Texas) **Chemical spill in Coppell sends seven people to the hospital.** A 55-gallon barrel of methanol was punctured December 14 at a telephone repair company in Coppell, Texas. Seven people were transported to the hospital with breathing problems and five people were treated at the scene, according to a city spokeswoman.
Source: <http://thescoopblog.dallasnews.com/2012/12/chemical-spill-in-coppell-sends-four-people-to-the-hospital.html/>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

26. *December 17, KSAT 12 San Antonio* – (Texas) **Man charged with attempted capital murder after shooting at Santikos Mayan 14 Theater.** A suspect opened fire inside and in the parking lot of the China Garden restaurant, wounding one person, before running into the Santikos Mayan 14 movie theater where he was wounded by police.
Source: <http://www.ksat.com/news/Man-charged-with-attempted-capital-murder-after-shooting-at-Santikos-Mayan-14-theater/-/478452/17800466/-/ur8akqz/-/index.html>
27. *December 17, Associated Press* – (Maryland) **21 people taken to hospitals after building fire.** The Maryland Fire Marshal's Office said 21 people were taken to hospitals after escaping a burning Cambridge building. The building included a clothing store on the first floor and eight total apartments on the second and third floors.
Source: <http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/bs-md-apt-fire-cambridge-20121217,0,3512545.story>
28. *December 16, KOMO 4 Seattle* – (Washington) **1 killed, 3 injured in overnight shooting outside Sumner motel.** Police looked for the people behind an overnight shooting at the Sumner Motor Inn that left one person dead and three others injured.
Source: <http://www.komonews.com/news/local/1-killed-3-injured-in-overnight-shooting-outside-Sumner-motel-183701301.html>
29. *December 16, Lihue Garden Island* – (Hawaii) **Hanama'ulu fire damages at \$1.3M.** A fire in Hanama'ulu caused an estimated \$1.3 million in structural and content damages. The wooden structure was divided primarily into retail and office spaces on the first floor, with two apartments and a smaller retail location on the second floor.
Source: http://thegardenisland.com/news/local/hanama-ulu-fire-damages-at-m/article_58dae912-475f-11e2-92d0-001a4bcf887a.html
30. *December 16, WOWT 6 Omaha* – (Nebraska) **Dozens displaced after apartment fire.** Dozens of residents fled their Omaha apartment complex after it caught fire December 15. Over 14 units were affected by fire, smoke, and water damage while more than 30 people were displaced.

Source: <http://www.wowt.com/news/headlines/Dozens-Displaced-After-Apartment-Fire-183696421.html>

31. *December 16, WNBC 4 New York* – (New York) **3 Firefighters, 2 Cops Injured in Bronx Fire.** A four-alarm fire that engulfed two buildings in New York City displaced seven families and left two police officers and three firefighters injured and taken to local hospitals, officials said. Police and firefighters evacuated the buildings and battled the blaze from the street, fearing the aging buildings might collapse.

Source: <http://www.nbcnewyork.com/news/local/4-Alarm-Fire-Bronx-FDNY-Police-5-Injured-183710381.html>

32. *December 15, KOIN 6 Portland* – (Oregon) **Clackamas apartment fire guts units.** A number of units in a large apartment complex in Clackamas, Oregon, were destroyed December 15 by fire. Damage was estimated at \$300,000 and the Red Cross was requested to assist the 14 individuals directly affected from the fast moving fire.

Source: <http://www.koinlocal6.com/mostpopular/story/Apartment-fire-reported-in-Clackamas/0yOomS66cU6HfF6WU3Flwg.csp>

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National Monuments and Icons Sector

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Dams Sector

33. *December 15, Memphis Commercial Appeal* – (Tennessee) **Thirteen dams in west Tennessee repaired after flooding, erosion damage.** Owners of 13 dams needing major repairs in west Tennessee have completed, or very nearly completed, the necessary work to fix potentially unsafe conditions or breaches, according to a Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) official. TDEC is pursuing penalties against the owners of Garner Lake, and said the owners failed to meet deadlines for correcting problems with the dam.

Source: <http://www.commercialappeal.com/news/2012/dec/15/thirteen-dams-in-west-tennessee-repaired-after/>

34. *December 15, Cumberland Times-News* – (West Virginia) **\$10M rehab project continues at Dam Site 14.** Work on the New Creek Dam Site, including addressing quality control issues with the riser and the top of the level of the dam breast, as well as wetland mitigation work, were completed, according to a U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service engineer. Additional work is ongoing.

Source: <http://times-news.com/local/x1332358849/-10M-rehab-project-continues-at-Dam-Site-14>

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